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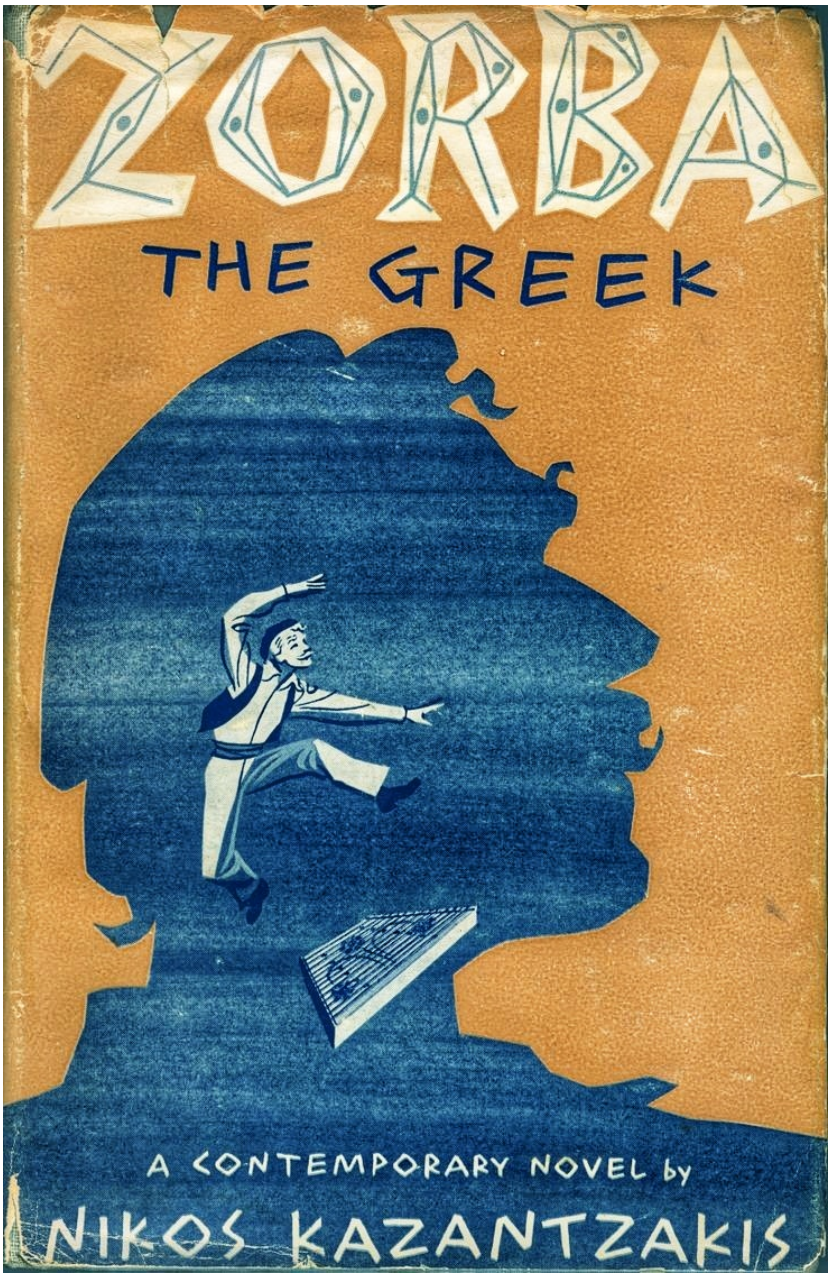

Everything seems to have a soul—wood, stones, the wine we drink and the earth we tread on. Everything, boss, absolutely everything!

– Zorba

Why must the young die and the old wrecks go on living? Why do little children die?… I shall never, never forgive God for that, do you hear? I tell you, the day I die, if He has the cheek to appear in front of me, and if He is really and truly a God, He’ll be ashamed!

– Zorba

The individual disappeared, the features were obliterated, whether young or senile, beautiful or ugly—those were mere unimportant variations. Behind each woman rises the austere, sacred and mysterious face of Aphrodite.

– Narrator

The last man—who has freed himself from all belief, from all illusions and has nothing more to expect or to fear—sees the clay of which he is made reduced to spirit, and this spirit has no soil left for its roots, from which to draw its sap. The last man has emptied himself; no more seed, no more excrement, no more blood.

– Narrator

Zorba was the man I had sought so long in vain. A living heart, a large voracious mouth, a great brute soul, not yet severed from mother earth. The meaning of the words, art, love, beauty, purity, passion, all this was made clear to me by the simplest of human words uttered by this workman.

– Narrator

He knew it was shameful not to be able to control one’s feelings. Tears, tender words, unruly gestures, common familiarities, all seemed to him weaknesses unworthy of man. We, who were so fond of each other, never exchanged an affectionate word.

– Narrator

A fool who knows he’s a fool is a wise man. A fool who thinks he’s wise is a fool indeed.

– Zorba

The world is a beautiful place to live in, if you don’t mind the time you waste.

– Zorba

I have learned that everything is as it should be, even though I may not understand it.

– Zorba

All right, we go outside where God can see us better.

– Zorba

On a deaf man’s door, you can knock forever.

– Zorba

If a woman sleeps alone, it puts a shame on all men.

– Zorba

I tell jokes and cut capers about the place and make the monks laugh. They all say I'm possessed by the devil and insult me. But I say to myself: It can't be true; God must like fun and laughter.

– Father Zaharia

I come and go on earth, visit those who were dear to me, but their hearts are closed. Where can I enter? How can I bring myself to life?… Ah! If only I could live free, and not have to cling like a drowning man to your warm and living bodies!

– Stavridaki

You think too much. That is your trouble. Clever people and grocers, they weigh everything.

– Zorba

Hey boss, did you ever see a more splendiferous crash?

– Zorba

What's the use of all your damn books if they can't answer that?

– Zorba

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– Zorba

I don't want to be a smart man, I want to be a free man.

– Zorba

Life is a full bottle. Drink it up.

– Zorba

I have no regrets. The only regret I have is not having lived more fully.

– Zorba

Zorba's laughter, his wild dances, his fierce declarations—they were all part of a deeper wisdom that I had yet to grasp.

– Narrator

In Zorba’s presence, the lines between philosophy and life blurred. His actions spoke louder than any words could.

– Narrator

The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.

– Zorba